



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
A Portion of Spartan Mills Beaumont Site
720 North Pine Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through April 14, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-5926-NRP, will affect approximately 12.04 acres identified as Lot 4 on a preliminary layout for Jimmy I. Gibbs, LLC, dated June 10, 2014, and is a portion of Tax Map Number 7-12-03-047.00. The Spartanburg Regional Health Services District, Inc. (SRHSD), a public hospital corporation and political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, will acquire the Property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and SRHSD.

The Property is bounded generally by North Pine Street to the southwest; the remaining portion of the Spartan Mills Beaumont property to the north, which includes the Ambulatory Surgery Center of Spartanburg, LLC. Beaumont Avenue is to the east and the Norfolk-Southern Railroad is to the south. The Property was first developed late in the 1880s by Spartan Mills as part of the Beaumont Manufacturing Company. The Beaumont cotton textile manufacturing plant operations included picking, carding, spinning, weaving, dyeing, and finishing. Operations included coal storage, a machine shop, engine room, boiler, stack, and railroad trestle. Underground storage tanks (USTs) stored gasoline, heating oil, and miscellaneous hydrocarbons. Most of the USTs have been removed. The Mill discharged various process water and stormwater to Chinquapin Creek. The Mill operations ceased in the mid 1990s. Many of the structures were demolished in 2004. The administrative offices of the Southern Conference athletic association are located in a portion of one building.

SRHSD intends to use the property as office space for administrative and technical support to Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow SRHSD to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. SRHSD did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use. DHEC will not hold SRHSD responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, SRHSD will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, SRHSD will assess the pipeline(s) located beneath the floor of the Engine Room, will test surface and subsurface soil and groundwater from the property, and will render the operations drains and pipelines unusable. If significant contamination is found, SRHSD will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Environment/PublicNotices>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through April 14, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email OvercaJC@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.